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(Received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the Twenty-fourth day of July 1948.)

An Act to Prevent Slaughter of Cows.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the prevention of slaughter of cows, bulls, bullocks, buffaloes and calves in order to conserve the cattle wealth of the State;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mysore Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, 1948.

(2) It extends to the [1][whole of the State of Mysore except Bellary District.]

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Act:—

Definitions.

(*a*) "cow" includes bull, bullock, buffalo and calf;

(*b*) "export" means to take out from [1][the State of Mysore except Bellary District] to any place outside [1][the State of Mysore except Bellary District;]

(*c*) "institution" means an institution established for taking care of unprotected, infirm, disabled or diseased cows;

(*d*) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules under this Act.

Prohibition of cow slaughter.

3. Notwithstanding any custom, or usage, or law to the contrary, no person shall slaughter or otherwise intentionally kill any cow in any place in [1][the State of Mysore except Bellary District] except when it is certified by a qualified veterinarian not below the rank of a veterinary inspector that the cow is affected with rabies.

Prohibition of export.

4. No person shall export, or sell for export, any cow with a view to its being slaughtered outside [1][the State of Mysore except Bellary District]

Establishment of institutions.

5. (1) The Government may establish, or direct any local authority or private individuals or associations to establish, institutions at such places as may be deemed necessary for taking care of cows sent thereto.

1. See the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Order, 1963.

(2) The Government may make provision by rules for the proper management of the institutions mentioned above, for the care of cows therein and also for the class or variety of cows that may be admitted therein.

Levy of taxes or rates.

6. The Government, or, subject to the previous sanction of the Government, a local authority, may levy such taxes as may be prescribed for maintaining institutions established under this Act.

Seizure of cows.

7. (1) Any police officer, or such other officer or person as may be authorised by the Government or a local authority in this behalf, who finds any cow, unattended in any public place in circumstances which make him believe that it does not belong to any person, may seize such cow and remove it to the nearest institution.

(2) The officer in charge of any such institution may give away the cow to any person who proves to his satisfaction that he is the owner after recovering the maintenance charges, if any.

Attempts and abetment.

8. Any person who attempts to contravene, or abets or attempts to abet a contravention of, section 3 or section 4 shall be deemed to have contravened the said section.

Penalty.

9. Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 3 or section 4 shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or with fine not exceeding five hundred rupees or with both.

General power of arrest without warrant.

10. Any police officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector may arrest without warrant any person who contravenes the provisions of section 3 or section 4.

Bar of legal Proceedings.

11. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

Power to make rules or orders.

12. The Government may make rules or orders generally for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Power to grant exemption.

13. The Government may, by general or special order published in the Official Gazette, exempt from the operation of section 4 such cows or such classes of cows as may be specified in such order.